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In Re Application of:

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in Response to the Non-Final Official Action dated September 26, 2001. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

29. (Amended) The component of claim 28, wherein the component is selected from a pumping member, impeller, bearing, post and shaft.

Please add new claim 34.

34. (New Claim) The component of claim 28 wherein the component is resistant to surface dissolution by magnesium in molten metal baths.